

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
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JAMIE BANKS,	:	<u>ORDER</u>
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Defendant.	:	
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ALISON J. NATHAN, United States District Judge:

A videoconference is scheduled in this matter via the CourtCall platform on **January 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.** Defense counsel will be given an opportunity to speak with the Defendant by telephone for fifteen minutes before the sentencing proceeding begins (i.e., at **10:45 a.m.**); defense counsel will receive a call at the number listed on the public docket and that they should notify chambers before the proceeding if they prefer to be called at a different number.

To optimize the quality of the video feed, the Court, the Defendant, counsel for the Defendant, and counsel for the Government will appear by video for the proceeding; all others will participate by telephone. Due to the limited capacity of the CourtCall system, only one counsel per party may participate. Co-counsel, members of the press, and the public may access the audio feed of the conference by calling 855-268-7844 and using access code 67812309# and PIN 9921299#.

In advance of the conference, Chambers will email the parties with further information on how to access the conference. Those participating by video will be provided a link to be pasted into their browser. **The link is non-transferrable and can be used by only one person;** further, it should be used **only** at the time of the conference.

To optimize use of the CourtCall technology, all those participating by video should:

1. Use the most recent version of Firefox, Chrome, or Safari as the web browser. Do **not** use Internet Explorer.
2. Use hard-wired internet or WiFi. If using WiFi, the device should be positioned as close to the Wi-Fi router as possible to ensure a strong signal. (Weak signals may cause delays or dropped feeds.)
3. Minimize the number of others using the same WiFi router during the conference.

Further, all participants must identify themselves every time they speak, spell any proper names for the court reporter, and take care not to interrupt or speak over one another. Finally, all of those accessing the conference — whether in listen-only mode or otherwise — are reminded that recording or rebroadcasting of the proceeding is prohibited by law.

If CourtCall does not work well enough and the Court decides to transition to its teleconference line, counsel should call 888-363-4749 and use access code 9196964#. (Members of the press and public may call the same number, but will not be permitted to speak during the conference.) In that event, and in accordance with the Court's Emergency Individual Rules and Practices in Light of COVID-19, available at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-alison-j-nathan>, counsel should adhere to the following rules and guidelines during the hearing:

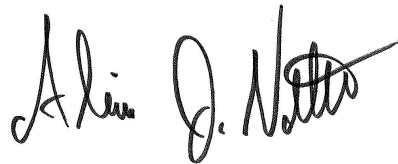
1. Each party should designate a single lawyer to speak on its behalf (including when noting the appearances of other counsel on the telephone).
2. Counsel should use a landline whenever possible, should use a headset instead of a speakerphone, and must mute themselves whenever they are not speaking to eliminate background noise. In addition, counsel should not use voice-activated systems that do not allow the user to know when someone else is trying to speak at the same time.
3. To facilitate an orderly teleconference and the creation of an accurate transcript, counsel are *required* to identify themselves every time they speak. Counsel should spell any proper names for the court reporter. Counsel should also take special care not to interrupt or speak over one another.
4. If there is a beep or chime indicating that a new caller has joined while counsel is speaking, counsel should pause to allow the Court to ascertain the identity of the

new participant and confirm that the court reporter has not been dropped from the call.

If possible, defense counsel shall discuss the attached Waiver of Right to be Present at Criminal Proceeding with the Defendant and return the completed form **at least 24 hours prior to the proceeding**. Defense counsel may sign on the Defendant's behalf if authorized by the Defendant to do so.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 30, 2020
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison J. Nathan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

ALISON J. NATHAN
United States District Judge

April 10, 2020

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**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AT
CRIMINAL PROCEEDING**

JAMIE BANKS,

Defendant.

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Check Proceeding that Applies

____ Arraignment

I have been notified of the specifications of violation of the terms of supervised release that have been filed against me and have discussed the specifications with my attorney. I understand that I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York to confirm that I have received and reviewed the specifications; to have the specifications read aloud to me if I wish; and to enter a denial or admission of violation before the judge. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court that I willingly give up my right to appear in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York to be informed of these specifications and to enter a denial or admission.

Date:

Signature of Defendant

Print Name

____ Supervised Release Conference

I understand that I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York at the time the conditions of my release on supervision or my remand to custody are discussed. I have discussed these rights with my attorney and wish to give up these rights for the period of time in which access to the courthouse has been restricted on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. I request that my attorney and I be permitted to participate by telephone, or if it is reasonably available by videoconferencing, in any conference with the court at which such conditions or my remand are discussed.

Date:

Signature of Defendant

Print Name

I hereby affirm that I am aware of my obligation to discuss with my client the specifications of violation of supervised release, my client's rights to attend and participate in the criminal proceedings encompassed by this waiver, and this

waiver form. I affirm that my client knowingly and voluntarily consents to the proceedings being held without my client being physically present in court.

Date:

Signature of Defense Counsel

Print Name

Addendum for a defendant who requires services of an interpreter:

I used the services of an interpreter to discuss these issues with the defendant. The interpreter also translated this document, in its entirety, to the defendant before the defendant signed it. The interpreter's name is:

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Date:

Signature of Defense Counsel

Accepted:

Signature of Judge
Date: